



Providence Prophet January 2019

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Message from our Pastor

2019 is here! Happy New Year! While I am not a huge fan of New Year's resolutions, I am also not against them. In my experience, my long lists of resolutions, never get beyond the paper. But I very much believe that we are on a journey, we are a work in process and there is always room for improvement. So, I did some research to help us. I looked up the most important changes we should make (best bang for the buck) and how to be successful.

Sleep eight hours a night! Go to bed and get up at the same time. Remove TV and computer screens from your nighttime routine and improve your sleep environment (shades down, comfy mattress, noise machine or whatever helps you.)

Exercise for 30 minutes. It is good for the brain, body, spirit and sleep. Find something you enjoy, commit to a partner or join a class or add an element of competition.

Improve your diet. Cut back on sugar, drink more water, tea or coffee. Cut back on sugar, eat more fresh fruits and veggies. Cut back on sugar, cook one (or more) meals a week with no pre-prepared ingredients. And cut back on sugar – you get the picture.

Read more books for fun! Literary fiction makes it easier for us to empathize with others or imagine the lives of people with very different lives. Join the Providence Book Club!

Read the Bible through in one year. There are apps and programs galore. My favorite is Bible Gateway Reading Plan because of the many choices it provides to customize it the way you prefer.

Take more time for yourself – even God rested. Science tells us that, for the most part, we can only engage in heavy mental work for four hours at a time. After four hours, take a walk, get a drink of water, eat an apple, read your book, talk with a friend, or take a cat nap. Flicking through your email, social media, texts, etc. does not count as a break!

Worship the Lord! People who are active in church and have an active prayer life are more satisfied with life and are better able to handle the challenges that life brings. But we do not just go to church for our own well-being and happiness, we go to church to support others in their walk. Your presence, or smile, or kind words, or hugs might be what gets someone else through their week. We are the church and all of us are needed.

Spend some time these first few days of 2019 in prayer about what changes God might be calling you to make to be the best version of yourself. Choose one or two things, make goals that are realistic and obtainable. Find an accountability partner who will journey with you. It is going to be a great year – Happy 2019!

Honored and Blessed to be your Pastor!

Carol

New Year – New Directory

Who's Who at Providence

All members and friends are encouraged to share who you are and be seen in the Providence directory.

Look for the form in the Sunday bulletin to submit your information or give us any updates (new photo, contact info, etc.) to your listing in the Providence directory.

The Legacy of the Magi

By Maggie Archibald, Christian Church Foundation

Epiphany is a great time in the life of the church to celebrate those who have included the church as part of their legacy.

As we celebrate and remember the magi and their gifts to the newborn Christ child, we can also celebrate and remember the gifts given to our churches. Members who leave legacy gifts for their congregation do so because they believe in what the church is doing but, more than that, they believe the church will be around to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ long after they have passed on. Each person, just like the magi, has a unique journey to giving and a deeply personal reason for their special gift to the church.

The Christian Church Foundation believes it is essential that we remember and celebrate each of these gracious givers, their strong faith, and their passion for ministry. For more information and resources on honoring the members of your congregation who have made a legacy gift, please visit [www.christianchurchfoundation.org](http://www.christianchurchfoundation.org).



Memorial Gift Received 4th Quarter 2018

\$50.00 in memory of:  
W. R. Herrell

Thank you!

...for the cards, sweets, and gifts and for the generous cash gift.

I enjoyed every word, every morsel, every penny. Thank you, Providence for journeying with me in faith for another year.

May 2019 bring you peace and love through Christ.

Carol

## Happening at Providence in January

- January 6 Adult Sunday School begins a series of study of the Psalms. Please Join us each Sunday at 9:30 AM.
- January 13 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- January 13 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- January 13 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- **January 20 3:00 PM – Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Event at Transylvania University William T. Young Campus Center gym. After pizza all are encouraged to attend the Disciples of the Dream Worship service.**
- **January 20 6:00 PM – Martin Luther King, Jr. Disciples of the Dream Worship Service, Central Christian Church**
- January 26 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- **January 27 7:00 PM – Christian Unity Worship Service at Pax Christi – followed by a reception for all attendees.**
- January 28 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meets at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (see also below).

### Sundays

- 9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)
- 10:45 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group (as announced)
- 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### Each Monday, Tuesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### Each Monday, Wednesday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise

### Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

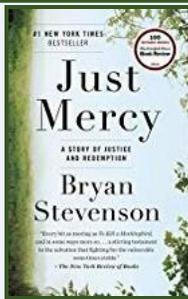
Tammy Durham	3
Jonathan Hagy	8
Charlie Payne	9
Joyce McGee	12
Cathie Slack	12
Eric Michael Heathman	13
Ed Sidebotham	14
Gary Anderson	17
John Krupski	18
Deanna Oliver	18
Glen Payne	20
Whitney Jacobs	22
Whitney Downs	23
Bryan Roberts	23
Clara Hermanson	26

## Providence Book Club

We will meet on January 28<sup>th</sup>, at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at 5:30 PM. Our book for discussion is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of a young man sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn’t commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship – and forever transformed his understanding of mercy and justice.

*Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer’s coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of justice.



## Read the Bible through in 2019

Gateway Bible is Carol's favorite program, offering various ways to read the Bible in one year (chronologically, straight through, Old/New Testament, etc.) You can choose which version (NIV, KJV, NRSV, etc.) You can read it or listen to it, on your computer or phone or tablet. You can choose your reader - dramatized or regular reading. To get started, go to [www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/](http://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/).

If you prefer to use your Bible, we have the 5-Day Bible Reading Program plans printed for you to take home. This special Bible reading system allows you to read the entire Bible (or just the New Testament) in one year while only reading five times a week, which gives room to catch up or take a day off and makes daily Bible reading practical and do-able.

## Creating Vital Congregations Practical Help for Laity and Clergy Webinar Series 2019



February 23, 2019 – 1:30 – 3:30 PM  
“Stewardship, Generosity and Boundaries  
In Ministry”

Dr. Yvonne Martinez Thorne

Dr. Thorne’s focus is on the importance of boundaries in the call to be effective and generous pastoral leaders in the Body of Christ. Participants will explore their overall assumptions about generous giving and living as pastoral stewards in congregations that are experiencing a myriad of challenges that impact effective giving participation in ministry. The goal of this webinar will be to further equip church leaders for effective pastoral leadership as they seek to maintain healthy boundaries in response to God’s generosity and abundance.

Register at [www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series/](http://www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series/)  
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019  
JULY 20-24  
Des Moines, IA

**Abide in Me**

Demeurez en moi • Permanezcan en mí  
Fè youn ak mwen • 내 안에 거하라  
John 15: 1-5

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
in the United States and Canada

## Providence Legacy Fund

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of our church legacy this year by designating Providence in your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and adding your name to our Legacy Book. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.

## Prayer Concerns

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:

Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders, our military and all who serve our nation: Shawn Davenport, Jacob Durbin, Ricky Highnote, Jason Rutherford, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

### MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jackie Bellman, Glen Payne, Ryan Rivard, Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, Missy Cook (Cox), Barry Newcombe (Mattingly), Tracee Lyon (McCarter) Dakota Walker, Mary Marshall (McCord), Beverly McNeal (Roberts), Jill Showalter (Anderson), J. T. Browning (Kinnard), Karen Durbin (Fielder), Jean Christian (Hufford), John Chamberlain (Toleman), Jamie Coomer (Draper), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Peggy Van Hook, Lynge Moesgaard (Downs), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt).

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